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Adan Gonzales, 14, walking a hallway in Addison Trail High School earlier this month, is among 35 students in a program for the visually impaired.

Teacher shortage puts classes for blind at risk

Educators say lack of awareness about visually impaired is reason

BY VIKKI ORTIZ HEALY
Chicago Tribune

The blind and visually impaired students make their way to the second-story classrooms at Addison Trail High School, hang their canes on hooks just outside the doorway, then run their fingertips across tables until they

recognize the feel of foam shapes marking their assigned spots. For the rest of the school day, the 35 students who come from across DuPage and Cook counties will take advantage of special-education services guaranteed to them by law. State and federal dollars provide helpful accommodations, including shelves full

of Braille textbooks and tablets loaded with the latest apps designed to help students with partial blindness see what is on the board. But while technology and special-education programs for visually impaired students are more accessible than ever, a teacher shortage threatens to

derail the progress. The national Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind has 1,000 fewer members nationwide than it did 10 years ago. Meanwhile, administrators at Northern Illinois University and Illinois State Uni-

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Charges loom in Mueller probe

Key Democrat
puts speculation on
2 ex-Trump officials

BY DAVID WILLMAN
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — One of two former top strategists for the Trump campaign is “likely” to face indictment as early as Monday, a senior Democrat said Sunday, previewing what would be the first criminal charges in the intensifying probe led by special counsel Robert Mueller into current and former members of President Donald Trump’s inner orbit. Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., ranking member of the House intelligence committee, said a federal judge could unseal an indictment against either Paul Manafort, Trump’s former campaign manager, or Michael Flynn, who briefly served as Trump’s national security adviser in the White House. Schiff’s comments came amid intense speculation at the White House and on Capitol Hill over media reports that a federal grand jury in Washington has approved its first indictment in the FBI investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 election and whether

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After fight for Obama center, why find fault?

Advocates: Scrutiny
could hinder project

BY LOLLY BOWEAN
Chicago Tribune

Cheryl L. Mainor vividly remembers the winter day in 2015 when she joined dozens of Chicagoans singing and dancing in a video, hoping to convince President Barack Obama to build his library and museum on the South Side. But now that the process of developing the presidential center campus is underway, Mainor is confused by the grumbling she’s hearing. Residents are divided about how the facility should look, where in Jackson Park the buildings should be positioned and the role the center should play in the neighboring Washington Park, South Shore and Woodlawn communities. A growing number of community organizations have begun to push back on the project. “We did the ‘Bring it on Home’ video, told the Obamas to bring this facility here and now it seems like we’re doing



Mainor

RARE FOOTAGE A NEW LOOK AT OLD CHICAGO

1914 film tracked down in National Archives
shows bustling downtown, beauty of South Side

BY MARK JACOB
Chicago Tribune

An aviation pioneer named Roy Knabenshue brought his dirigible to Chicago in 1914, offered 25-minute balloon rides and settled on a great idea: Why not hire a cameraman to film Chicago from the air? That brainstorm led to one of the first aerial movies of the city, a rarely seen eight-minute film that was recently tracked down by the Chicago Tribune in the National Archives. The film isn’t newly “discovered” — it’s been in the Archives since 1943 — but hardly anyone knew it existed, so in a sense it’s been rediscovered. Chicago’s cultural historian, Tim Samuelson, recalled seeing

at least some of the footage once on WTTW-Ch. 11 in the 1960s but had wondered in decades what happened to it. “I have been hunting for that film,” he said. “This is exciting — to find that sucker once and for all.” Geoffrey Baer, longtime producer of Chicago documentaries for WTTW, was shown the movie and declared: “I’ve definitely never seen that, and it’s kind of mind-blowing.” To a modern audience, the city in Knabenshue’s film is barely recognizable, with many Chicago landmarks not yet built. There’s no Soldier Field, no Buckingham Fountain, no Michigan Avenue Bridge. Al

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES (TOP); CHRIS WALKER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Two aerial views of Washington Park, from 1914 and 2017, show the area on the South Side hasn’t changed all that much.